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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 24 April 1991 from Mr. Ahmed Hussein, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, requesting that you take immediate action to assume your functions with respect to the provision of relief at the American camps established by force inside Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 24 April 1991 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

At 1840 hours (local time) on 22 April 1991, the American liaison officer notified our military representative in the town of Zakho that the American forces were to conduct a relief operation and to use helicopters to land military forces in the town of Amadiyah and neighbouring areas on 23 April. The American liaison officer requested that military forces in the area be notified of the action to be carried out there by the American armed forces, in order to avoid any confrontation or friction.

This American measure comes five days after the agreement which I concluded on 18 April 1991, on behalf of the Iraqi Government, with Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, your Executive Delegate for relief operations. We have already begun, together with the Coordinator appointed by the Executive Delegate, to take immediate practical steps to implement that agreement. This American action constitutes the second precedent set since 20 April as regards persistent flagrant violations of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In protesting this measure, the Government of Iraq once again requests you to ensure that the United Nations takes immediate action to assume its functions of providing relief at the American camps established by force inside Iraq, in accordance with the agreement of 18 April. That agreement covers the relief operations in Iraq, particularly those on behalf of Kurdish Iraqi citizens, in a comprehensive, integrated and balanced manner, ensuring that each and every purported objective of the American measures will be fulfilled. We submit this request at a time when the Coordinator of relief operations appointed by your Executive Delegate is visiting the northern region in order to establish the United Nations Humanitarian Centres, with our full cooperation.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Ahmed HUSSEIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
